



# PHARMACY SERVICES

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## The Pharmacy Connection

*A forum for pharmacy related news and updates for DMH programs*

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### *A Message from the Medical Director, Roderick Shaner, M.D.*

Prescribers should have easy access to high quality, peer-reviewed information about the medications that we use. Pharmaceutical companies can play a constructive role in providing some of that information. The caveat is that our actual prescribing practices should be based on solid evidence and not influenced by industry advertisements or gifts.

Interaction with pharmaceutical reps should not involve breaches of confidentiality, take away from scheduled patient care time, or involve the inappropriate acceptance of offered items. Should we detect any potential problems in our relationship with reps, they should be shared with the Program Heads and Pharmacy Bureau. Please refer to the DMH policy that covers pharmaceutical sales representation: [http://dmhhqportal1/sites/DMHPAP/Policies/100-199%20PROGRAM%20OPERATIONS/103%20MEDICATIONS/103\\_05.pdf](http://dmhhqportal1/sites/DMHPAP/Policies/100-199%20PROGRAM%20OPERATIONS/103%20MEDICATIONS/103_05.pdf)

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